UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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Plaintiff,)
)
v.) No. 1:16-cr-00123-TWP-DML
)
ROBERTO S. MACIAS,) -06
)
Defendant)

Order Denying Request for Appointment of Counsel as Moot

Defendant filed a pro se letter that the Court construed as a Motion for Compassionate Release under the First Step Act of 2018. (Dkt. 888). In the letter, Defendant asked the Court to appoint attorney Kenneth Riggins to represent him. *Id.* Unfortunately, a defendant is unable to choose his appointed counsel. As per the Courts protocol on providing counsel in requests for compassionate release, the Court has appointed the Indiana Federal Community Defender's Office to represent Defendant. (Dkt. 889). Because counsel has been appointed, Defendant's request for appointment of counsel is **denied as moot**. The Indiana Federal Defender's Office members will determine which specific attorney will be appointed to represent Defendant.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: 5/18/2020 Oang Walton (ratt

TANYA WALTON PRATT, JUDGE United States District Court Southern District of Indiana

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